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**SACRAMENTO MAN SENTENCED TO PERFORM
COMMUNITY SERVICE AS PUNISHMENT FOR FRAUDULENT RECEIPT OF
HURRICANE KATRINA DISASTER MONEY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that LARRY McDANIEL, 34, of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell for making three false claims upon the United States, through FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.

This case was specifically investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

In September 2005, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force, designed to deter, investigate, and prosecute disaster-related federal crimes such as charity fraud, identity theft, procurement fraud, and insurance fraud. The Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force-chaired by Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division-includes the FBI, the United States Inspectors General community, the United States Secret Service, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, and others.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, McDaniel stole \$12,251.01 of funds allocated for disaster relief victims. Through FEMA, McDaniel fraudulently obtained Hurricane Katrina victim cash aid and financial housing assistance intended for needy victims of this (Hurricane Katrina) national disaster. McDaniel signed false documents certifying false information to FEMA.

McDaniel was sentenced to 36 months federal probation. McDaniel was ordered to pay full restitution of \$12,251.01 and he was ordered to pay an additional \$300.00 as a special assessment. As a condition of his federal probation, McDaniel will be required to perform 300 hours of unpaid community service.

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